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Letter to the Committee

For 15 years I work on IT capital improvement projects, this means that in a year I may work anywhere from 6-10 months, so I can be unemployed anywhere from 2 to 6 months at a time and I look for and interview for jobs all the time, even when I'm working. So I've become kind of a pro at job hunting. I have learned how to live off the money that I make on unemployment and even when I am working and making twice to three times that amount I make sure that my bills never get over what I would get on unemployment. In addition I make sure I have a well stocked pantry and savings just in case there is a rainy day. I don't go out to eat, making all of my foods from scratch and grow about one forth of my food. I only see movies after they come out on DVD and then only buy the movies that have been previously viewed. Even when I am working I try and buy one third of my clothes from the Goodwill but that is mostly for the environment. I have basic cell phone, Television and DSL. What I am trying to point out is that I really do try and stay within my means as much as I can.

My last job was with Indymac which was the first bank that the Fed's took over. I have been on unemployment going on 16 months now, for the first time in a long time I worry about getting a job. The recruiters are now telling me that the jobs are opening up but with so many people looking I'm not sure that my experience will win the day, because in the past it always had. In addition I am starting to see job posting requiring "recent experience", are these people that are posting these ad's even aware of what has been going on in the job market for the past 18 months? How could I possibly have "recent" experience if there were no jobs to get the "recent" experience.

Because of the economic collapse my landlord of 12 years had to sell the building that I live in un fortunately the person that purchase the property has raised my rent \$300 dollars, even knowing my situation now I will have to use my savings to make up the difference.. I need a job to move to another place that I can afford but of course cannot do so without a job. So in effect the new landlord will be causing me to become homeless when my savings run out

Now, I have to fight the depression, that is creeping in, I spend my nights trying not to panic but I suppose a couple of months ago it caught up to me and I had a panic attack. I feel that I am always behind the eight ball that I am losing everything that I have worked for and I am helpless.

Yours truly,

Kim A. Hunter